OPEN HOUSE AT STATE UNIVERSITY

Faculty and Students Entertained Guests in a Clever Manner.

MANY VISITORS WERE PRESENT

They Were Shown Through All Buildings and the Experimental Farm, Where Professors and Assistants in Various Departments Explained.

The "Open House" at the University and Experiment Station on Friday, March 20, was a great success and reflects great credit upon the committee who had it in charge. A large number of people were present, and this in spite of the threatened storm.

Conveyances decked in University colors ran at frequent intervals from the court house square to the campus. These began to run at about seven o'clock, the Student Brass Band playing a few selections on the square before the first left.

The visitors found sentinels in fuil uniform at the gates, and guards, stationed wherever it was thought advisable, to give full directions. At the cadet barracks the ladies were received by Captain Cox and Mrs. Crow.

At 7:45 the trumpeters sounded the "Call to Quarters," which gave notice that the students were in their rooms, and that everything in the barracks was open to inspection. In a few minutes large numbers visited the students' rooms, It surprised most of the visitors to find what good taste the students have, and how attractive the rooms are.

At 8:30 the trumpeters sounded the "Release from Quarters," whereupon all the other buildings were thrown open, and conveyances began to make trips around the grounds. Most of the visitors went through the grounds and buildings systematically, beginning at the end of Thomas Hall, occupied by the offices of the president, auditor,

The second floor of this section is the private quarters of Mrs. Swanson, and here she received her friends. The floor above is used for the museum. Most of the visitors were especially pleased by the large collection of birds.

Entering the next section the guests were shown through the kitchen and pantries, and then through the dininghall. These were shown as they appear in daily use. Here one was most presided over by Mrs. E. W. Berger. of February 3rd our baby was taken impressed by the neatness and orderly On its shelves, in one thousand bound sick with a very severe cold; the next arrangement. The second floor of this section is occupied partly as stockroom for the library and partly as class rooms for Dr. Yocum and Dr. Schmidt. Dr. Yocum was on hand to periment Stations of the United moment. Even then his breathing give information about his department. The floor above is used as a reading-room and class-room for Dr. stations. The reading-room also serves as a library. The visitors noted that the departments of English, History, and Political Economy were quite tropical and sub-tropical fruits. Photorich. Most of the well-known Ameri- graphs of fruits, trees and groves, and can periodicals were to be seen, a also charts of rotations and of crops, large number of newspapers and were on the walls. magazines.

The next section gave entrance to the chapel, which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion with potted shown under the microscope. Samples plants and bunting. On the second showing the use of the thermometer in and third floors were found the rooms guava jelly making were on view. of the Mechanical Engineering Department.

All the sections were open for inspection. Great interest was shown the use of some of his apparatus.

Experiment Station.

On the left of the entrance into the Experiment Station building, the chemical laboratories of Prof. A. W Blair were open to visitors. Here might be seen in operation various chemical processes; such as the apparatus for fat extraction, in which the percentage of fat in velvet beans was being determined. There were also shown the operations for determining lime and nitrogen and the process of ashing agricultural products in a muffle furnace. In another room were shown the machines for grinding samples of seeds, etc., and for pulping fruit and vegetables, extracting their juice, determining their sugars by the polariscope, and their acids by titration. A vacuum drier, a sugar polarie cope of the most improved type, and an Atwater bomb calorimeter for ascertaining the amount of energy producing material in various feeds were also on view.

On the right-hand of the groundfloor Prof. John M. Scott, of the Department of Animal Industry, showed

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centinfugal test of milk by the Babcock process, and seeds of varieties of clover, alfalfa, corn, velvet bean, cowpea, and soybean. Samples of cotton and velvet beans were also to be seen. Charts showing the percentage composition of different feeds in digestible nutriment, and example of balanced and unbalanced rations were on the walls. On one table was a display of veterinary instruments.

The plant physiologist had arranged an instructive series showing each step of the processes necessary in preparing thin sections of plant tissues for the microscope. Branches of the oranges affected with die-back, chlorosis of the cassava, and orange leaf microscopial work on plants.

inspect the compact and well-arrang- H. A. Howell, of Howell's American ed library of the Station, admirably School, Havana, Cuba. "On the night lets, are found a practically complete night his condition was desperate. He set of the publications of the Depart- could not lie down and it was necesment of Agriculture, and of the Ex-States, as well as of many foreign was difficult. I did not think he would agricultural departments and botanic live until morning. At last I thought

The Horticultural and Botanical Department, on the opposite side, Prof. P. H. Rolfs exhibited a number of

The botanist exhibited the bacterial diseases of celery, known as black heart, the cause of the disease being

At the top floor of the building, in the large room devoted to Plant Pathology, Prof. H. S. Fawcett had arranged some instructive exhibits of by the guests in the Department of fungus diseases. The disease known Physics, where Dr. Benton explained as scalybark of the orange was shown as it affects the branches and the fruit. Samples of oranges which had been sprayed with Bordeaux mixture showed the effects of the fungicide in the absence of scalybark marks, but there was a large crop of purple scale. Other orange samples displayed the effects of the spraying on the smoky fungus of the orange. The black rot of cabbage was illustrated by the yellow bacteria, which cause it being viewed under a magnification of 1,000. These bacteria were also shown growing on rice and nutrient jelly, and the process of counting the number of bacterial colonies, each of which grows from one bacterium in the dishes of nutrient jelly, was illustrat-

exhibited pumps for spraying fungi- or money refunded. 50c.

cides or fungus spores, insecticidal solutions, or dust. A number of injurlous insects were on view. An interesting exhibit was the demonstration of the excretion of honey-dew in drops by whitefly larvae. The work of the Yanatee snail in clearing off the sooty mold which grows in the honey-dew was illustrated by photographs. Collections of moths, butterflies and beetles were on view.

In front of the Experiment Station building, in a temporary and welllighted pen, the Animal Industrialist had on view two shorthorn bulls, (one, five years old, weighing 1,600 pounds). one shorthorn cow (5 years old, weighing 1,100 pounds), one Jersey cow, and a native Florida cow.

After our examination of the Experiment Station rooms we find a conveyance waiting to take us to the green house. At the green house we find Mr. Hess, who shows us his collection of plants and who also indicates what experiments are being carried on. A flying trip across the farms, stopping to glance at the pool where Mr. Hess has a fine collection of acquatic and semi-acquatic plants, we pass on hurriedly and come to the swimmingpool, which was formerly a large sinkhole, but has been fitted up in a modern manner.

We did not visit the gymnasium and athletic fields, but went on to the shop. Here we found a very creditable assortment of wood and iron-working tools, and we were surprised by the skill and profficiency of the students as displayed in the samples of their work on exhibition.

Back to the chapel, which we reach in time to hear Mrs. Crow play and to hear Miss Schmidt sing, both of whom pleased us greatly by their renditions. At the close of their playing Dr. Sledd made a short and informal address. In this he told of the work of the University, compared it with the other higher institutions of learning in the South, and showed why all the friends of the institution should feel proud of what it has already accomplished and hopeful as to its future.

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